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In re application: Smith et al.

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For: FTA COATED MEDIA FOR USE AS A MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to  
consideration of the application on the merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following on Page 1, Line 5,

**--CROSSREFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a Continuation-in-part of PCT application No. PCT/US00/10230, filed April 14, 2000, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC Section 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/129,191, filed on April 14, 1999; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/180,353, filed on February 4, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/193,556, filed on March 31, 2000, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--